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In Re Application Of: **Yoshihisa MATSUBARA, et al.**

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Title: **SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS OF WHICH RELIABILITY OF INTERCONNECTIONS
IS IMPROVED AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME**

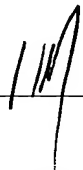
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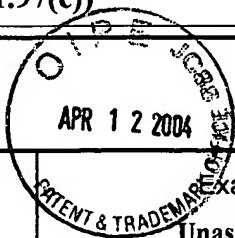
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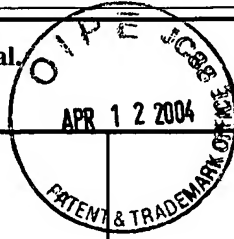
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated March 12, 2004, applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1 to 7, for continued prosecution herein.

Claims 1-22 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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Group I, Claims 1-7, drawn to a semiconductor apparatus, classified in Class 257,
Subclass 758; and

Group II, Claims 8-22, drawn to a manufacturing method of a semiconductor
apparatus, classified in Class 438, Subclass 118.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are
distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicants provisionally
elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1 to 7. However, applicants reserve the right
under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in
this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an
early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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